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Idaho Winter Wheat Production Up 11 Percent from Last Year

Idaho's 2010 winter wheat production is forecast at 62.9 million bushels, 11 percent higher than last year, and 5 percent above the 2008 crop, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Based on May 1 conditions, yield is estimated at 85.0 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from last year. Acres expected to be harvested are set at 740,000 acres, an increase of 40,000 acres from 2009.

Idaho's May 1 hay stocks totaled 775,000 tons, up 72 percent from May 1, 2009. Hay production during 2009 was down 1 percent from the previous year.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.46 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2009. Based on May 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 45.9 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from the previous year. Expected grain area totals 31.8 million acres, down 8 percent from last year. As of May 2, sixty-eight percent of the United States winter wheat crop was rated in good to excellent condition, 21 points above the same week in 2009, and heading had reached 27 percent in the 18 major producing States, 4 percentage points behind the 5-year average.

Hard Red Winter, at 960 million bushels, is up 5 percent from 2009. Soft Red Winter, at 283 million bushels, is down 30 percent from last year. White Winter is up 7 percent from last year and now totals 215 million bushels. Of this total, 17.0 million bushels are Hard White and 198 million bushels are Soft White.

All hay stored on farms May 1, 2010 totaled 20.9 million tons, down 5 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2009-May 1, 2010 totaled 86.3 million tons, compared with 81.6 million tons for the same period a year ago.

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